July 8/56.

Dear Maria:

law & usage authorize the assess^r of a tax not only upon the $600. rec^d of Critchlow but also upon the bal. which he owes, - this bal. being, in fact, "money at interest". I do not see, however, how the assessors discovered any thing about it. Some one must have volunteered the information. I should think

Your father's Vermont and Canada Railroad Stock is now valued at about 45 cts on the

dollar. My impression (without looking,) is that he has 27 shares. If so he should not be taxed for over $1215. on this ap.

I take the difficulty about the Kansas emigrants to have been that there are no roads to enter Kansas except through Missouri. As to using their arms, they had not reached the only place where their arms would have been of the least use.

Forty emigrants with rifles cannot stand against the whole border population of Missouri armed with cannon.

You will see by my account enclosed that I now have in my hands, belonging to you, $1347.87, (besides interest which I make up once a year.)

The Hoppers + Daniels are making us a visit. I wish you would gladden us all by coming.

Excuse this hasty
& disjointed note. You
cannot oblige me more
than by giving me
something to do for you.

Ever devotedly
Yr friend,
E. G. Loring

I was quite sorry not
to see David again.

Sears is a fine fellow.

MS. A. 5.1 p. 78